

# Media Alert



CHURCHILL DOWNS

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## **CHURCHILL DOWNS' JOCKEYS WILL VISIT YOUNG PATIENTS AT NORTON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL ON THURSDAY**

### **32<sup>ND</sup> Year of Annual Tradition to Support Young Patients and Their Families**

**What:** Churchill Downs' jockeys will make their annual visit to Norton Children's Hospital to spend time with young patients and their families on Thursday. Wearing their silks, the riders will divide into groups to visit and distribute toys to patients on several floors of the hospital. Churchill Downs' jockeys have been making the annual "jockey visit" for 32 years since 1988.

More than a dozen riders currently racing at Churchill Downs will participate, including three-time Kentucky Derby winner and Hall of Famer Calvin Borel, Kentucky Oaks winner Florent Geroux, Robby Albarado, Tyler Baze, Adam Bischizza, Declan Cannon, David Cohen, Jack Gilligan, Channing Hill, Chris Landeros, Corey Lanerie, Julien Leparoux, Marcelino Pedroza, Gabriel Saez, Ricardo Santana Jr. and Chantal Sutherland.

**When:** Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 12:45 p.m.

**Where:** Norton Children's Hospital  
231 East Chestnut Street Lobby  
Louisville, KY 40202

**Other:** Media should meet the jockeys in the lobby at the main entrance on E. Chestnut Street to accompany them on their tours.

The visit by jockeys to Norton Children's Hospital first occurred on Kentucky Oaks Day in 1988 with the participation of four Kentucky Derby jockeys – all future inductees into the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame. The jockeys, who would guide the first four finishers in the Derby, were Gary Stevens (rider on the victorious Winning Colors), Day (runner-up aboard Forty Niner), Eddie Delahoussaye (third on Risen Star) and Jerry Bailey (fourth on Proper Reality).

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